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In re Application of:

CLAUDE LE DANTEC

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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted concurrently herewith. Prior to continued examination, Applicant offers the following preliminary remarks.

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